

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 25, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:05 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were Mayor Leighty, Council members Jaramillo, Kondo, Goff, Nowicki.

ABSENT Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council member Burns, Roper, and Walker.

STAFF PRESENT City Manager Geyer, Deputy City Manager Loveland, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business not set for public hearing.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, prayed for the City of Northglenn.

PRESENTATIONS:
Diversity, Inclusivity,
and Social Equity Board
Update

Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board Chairperson Chris Cimino and Secretary Vanessa Alarcón presented the Board’s annual report to City Council. The DISE Board was established to celebrate diversity in the community, engage the public, and collaborate with Council on issues related to DISE initiatives. Information was provided about the Board’s 2024 activities, which included hosting guest speakers, sponsoring sensory-inclusive spaces and backpacks for neurodiverse individuals, organizing cultural workshops with the Latino Cultural

Arts Center, establishing and strengthening relationships with groups such as Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire and the Autism Community Store, collaborating with Council on the Land Acknowledgement Statement, and issuing statements against political violence and hate speech. The Board also participated in numerous City events, such as Northglenn Pride, the Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup, the Juneteenth concert, and National Night Out. Plans for 2025 include continuing community collaborations, expanding and enhancing events like Juneteenth and Northglenn Pride, and advocating for the completion of Odell Barry Park. In addition, the Board would like to explore library options for the City and look into creating a “safe places” program to combat rising hate incidents. Council thanked the Board for its impactful work, community partnerships, and ambitious planning.

Dedicated Service Award

Mayor Leighty and Council presented a dedicated service award to Autumn Romero for her service on the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board. Several members of City Council and the DISE Board expressed their appreciation to Autumn for her leadership and service to the Board.

Economic Development &
Northglenn Urban Renewal
Q2/Q3 2024 Update

Director of Economic Development and Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) Executive Director Allison Moeding presented an update which highlighted activities from April to September 2024. Key points included Small Business Week events, such as a burrito drive-thru, business branding workshops, and the promotion of the Small Business Association (SBA) Virtual Summit. During Q2/Q3, the City welcomed 29 new storefronts and five home-based businesses, which created 96 new jobs. Five ribbon cuttings were hosted, including notable openings like Karl’s Farm Senior Apartments and Mile High Customs. Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) efforts engaged 42 existing businesses. The Economic Development Department also organized business networking events, including a well-attended holiday event at Stonehocker Farmhouse and the annual Business Appreciation event.

Related to NURA, Director Moeding reported that there has been progress on redevelopment plans for Washington Center and the 112th Avenue & Irma Drive properties. NURA also allocated over \$248,000 in grants for business improvements and utility assistance, leveraging \$4.7 million in public-private investment. Looking ahead to 2025, efforts will continue to recruit new retail businesses, improve the business directory, and distribute

comprehensive information packets during BRE visits. There will be continued focus on community-wide initiatives to support local businesses and promote sustainability.

Director Moeding addressed questions from Council regarding the demolition of buildings at 112th Avenue and Irma Drive; Mercedes Mexican Restaurant will remain in place.

Council expressed enthusiasm for initiatives like temporary storefront programs and commended staff's innovative approaches to fostering economic growth and community support.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Jaramillo reported he attended the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) Inaugural Gala at Parsons Theatre and stated the event raised over \$35,000 for the Northglenn Youth Theatre (NYT) Endowment Fund.

Council member Nowicki reported he attended the Northglenn Senior Organization meeting, noting their excitement for the new van. He encouraged everyone to watch for upcoming senior events.

Council member Goff reported attending ribbon-cutting events for Empanada Express and Micro Office Suites. She expressed excitement about new business activity in the area and praised the efforts of NURA and the Economic Development team for the success of the projects.

Council member Kondo reported he also enjoyed the NAHF Inaugural Gala and acknowledged the people and programs that make Parsons Theatre special. He reported on his attendance at the Empanada Express ribbon-cutting event and the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit in Tampa, Florida, which featured a session on artificial intelligence and technology.

Mayor Leighty thanked staff for decorating Council Chambers and Civic Campus for the holidays, and noted the Mayor's Monthly Minute for December highlights the Parks Division and other staff who make the City festive. She expressed her enjoyment of the NAHF Inaugural Gala and NYT's presentation of Sister Act. Mayor Leighty stated she is looking forward to attending the Motones & Jerseys Holiday Hi-Fi show December 14th-15th and Noel Northglenn on December 6th. Lastly, Mayor Leighty reported that she was invited to attend the Mayors Summit against Anti-Semitism December 11th-13th, and noted the organization is sponsoring her registration and travel expenses for the event.

Staff

City Manager Geyer acknowledged Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Amanda Peterson for leading the holiday decorations project. She recognized employees that will work on holidays and thanked them for their commitment. City Manager Geyer provided an update on the Police Department's efforts in response to abandoned vehicle and expired license plate complaints submitted in the Access Northglenn/Citizen Relationship Management (CRM) system.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided an update on the Municipal Judge recruitment and stated more information regarding the process and schedule will be provided to Council during the week of December 16th.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Jaramillo, Kondo, Goff, Nowicki.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Roper, Walker.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- November 18, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-151 – 2025 Police Department Records Terminal Guard IGA
- CR-152 – 2025 Riverdale Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Services IGA
- CR-176 – 2025 Water Rights Special Counsel
- CR-177 – 2025 Water Rights Engineering
- CR-180 – 2024 Landfill Services Contract Addendum #7
- CR-182 – 2025 Pay Plan Amendment

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-173 – On-Call
Meter Replacement
Change Order #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-173.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of CR-173.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Jaramillo, Kondo, Goff, Nowicki.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Roper, Walker.

CR-178 – Booster Farm to
High Zone Flow Meter
Replacement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-178.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of
CR-178.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Jaramillo, Kondo, Goff, Nowicki.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Roper, Walker.

CR-179 – 2024 Residential
Concrete Program and
Greenway Trail Project

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Kondo to approve CR-179.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of
CR-179.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Jaramillo, Kondo, Goff, Nowicki.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Roper, Walker.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Safety Sensitive Zones
Evaluation

Chief of Police Jim May presented an update on the Safety
Sensitive Zone program, which was implemented in August 2023
to address traffic safety, reduce accidents, and influence driver
behavior through targeted enforcement and enhanced measures.
Four zones were selected for the program: Fox Run Parkway, Irma
Drive, Community Center Drive, and Melody Drive. Chief May
reported that over 176 hours of enforcement resulted in 608 tickets.
Accident data showed reductions in some zones, but speeding and
stop sign violations continue, particularly on Community Center

Drive and Melody Drive. Average speeds in some zones still exceeded the posted limits, with Melody Drive and Community Center Drive highlighted as problem areas. Fox Run Parkway and Irma Drive data indicates fewer speeding issues but higher stop sign violations. High speeds on Melody Drive suggest a need for additional interventions. Some options for enhancing the program include the implementation of automated speed enforcement and red-light cameras, the expansion of existing zones, the addition of new safety zones in areas identified as hotspots, and enhanced measures, such as additional flashing beacons or signage in school zones and high-traffic areas.

Council expressed support for expanding the program, especially with the implementation of automated speed enforcement cameras in problematic areas like Melody Drive and Community Center Drive. Council consensus was provided for staff to explore the gradual implementation of automated enforcement systems and the expansion of safety sensitive zones where needed.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor